

**Legislative Host Information 2005**  
**Placement Week November 15-19, 2004**

Office Name: Office of Congressman Ron Kind

How many total staff are in your DC office? (Select one option, mark with X)

1-5	
6-10	XX
> 10	

Have you previously hosted a Sea Grant fellow (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	XX
No	

If yes, how many Fellows have you hosted? 4

Does your office accept non-United States (foreign) citizens? (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	XX
No	

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**Office Overview**

***Brief Overview of Your Office's work:*** (Please limit to 150 words.)

- ❖ We have been the chief advocates for funding for the Environmental Management Program (EMP). Managed by the Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Geological Survey, the EMP is one of the nation's most effective habitat restoration programs.
- ❖ Upper Mississippi River Basin Conservation Act --- This is legislation my boss authored with would establish a coordinated, interagency approach to reducing sediment and nutrient runoff into the River and its tributaries. This bill has passed the House and had a hearing in a Senate. The Fellow will make this bill's final push through the legislative process
- ❖ Navigation Study --- The Army Corps is completing its UMR Navigation Feasibility Study, examining the economic feasibility and environmental impacts of proposed expansion of the lock and dam system. This study will have significant legislative impact on region. The Fellow will also participate in the Congressional Corps Reform Caucus and follow this policy issue.
- ❖ Invasive Species prevention and eradication

**Assignment Description.**

Estimated Fellow Travel, Out-of-Office: (Select one option, mark with X)

0 days / month	XX
1-3 days / month	
4-7 days / month	
8-10 days / month	
> 2 weeks / month	

Desired Background Skills: Please list. (e.g. strong written / oral communication skills, knowledge of Microsoft PowerPoint software, etc.).

He/she will have excellent oral, grammar, and writing skills. The ability to solve multifaceted problem is very important. He/she will be able to work effectively in high pressure situations and react quickly and calmly to challenges that may arise. The individual must be highly dependable, flexible and able to develop close working relationships with co-workers and individuals outside the office. The selected applicant will have superior organizational and computer skills. The individual should be able to work after normal business hours and on weekends as needed
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Please list the House/Senate offices & committees with which you work closely.

House Resources Committee	Senate Committee on Env. And Public Works
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In 300 words or less, please describe the tasks, duties, or projects the fellow will undertake, the skills a fellow will gain, and the deliverables a fellow can expect to produce from completing these tasks.

This position offers a Sea Grant Fellow the unique opportunity to work with many Congressional offices on Upper Mississippi River issues. The Fellow will be based in Congressman Kind's office and serve as the primary point of contact for the sixteen members of the bipartisan Upper Mississippi River Congressional Task Force (UMRTF). As the Task Force Coordinator, the fellow will serve as a liaison among Task Force Members and federal agencies active in the Upper Mississippi River region.

The UMRTF will be in its fifth year, and is co-chaired by Rep. Kind of Wisconsin, Rep. Oberstar of Minnesota, Rep. Leach of Iowa, and Rep. Gutknecht of Minnesota. The Task Force coordinates the region's Congressional delegation on Upper Mississippi River issues and provides a regional focus on important legislative issues as they are moving through Congress. The Fellow will draft letters, testimony and floor statements, obtain signatures of support from other offices, participate in appropriations negotiations for regional programs, and organize Task Force briefings and meetings.

The Fellow will also work closely with the Northeast Midwest Institute, a Washington-based policy organization heavily involved with Upper Mississippi River issues.